

Walnut Dollison Historic District  
515 S. Dollison Avenue  
Gustavus A. Watson House  
Springfield  
Greene County  
Missouri

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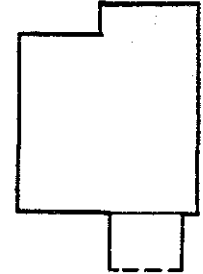
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Location:

Springfield, Greene County, Missouri  
Cadastral grid : SW $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S24, T29N, R22W  
USGS quadrangle: Springfield Missouri 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ '  
UTM coordinates: 15.474965.4117550  
Lot dimensions : 50'x 80' .09 acres  
Lot description: Beginning 128; south of  
the SW corner of Dollison and Elm Sts.  
S 50', W 80', N 50', E to beginning



Present Owner: Lester E. Forester  
Present Usage: single family residence  
Present Condition: good

Overall Dimensions: 24'x 45'; 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  stories

Orientation : east

Architectural

Plan type : rectangular with offset porches

Description :

Foundation: concrete perimeter walls

Structure : wood frame

Ext. walls: beveled siding with plain corner boards

Roof: asphalt shingled, moderately pitched gable over main section with gables over front and rear porches

Ornments: none

Windows: 8/8 double-hung, single, paired or tripled; 6-light awning, all windows have moulded dripcaps (first and third floors) or lintels let into a continuous frieze band (second floor) with plain casings and slip sills

Porches: gabled 1-story open porch in northeast corner; rear porch in northwest corner

Details: exposed, decoratively sawn rafter tips with cantilevered brackets on main and front porch roofs; heavy-membered front porch with tapered square columns on corbeled brick pedestals and square balusters

Construction Date : 1921-22

Architecture Style: Bungalow

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Significance:

Built by G.A. Watson in 1921-22, this large frame house is something of an anomaly among the turn-of-the-century speculative houses on South Dollison Avenue. Larger than the adjacent houses and built for a specific tenant, it is notably different from its smaller Late Victorian neighbors. With its off-center gable facade entry, it is the only example of this bungalow sub-type in the study area. The bracketed cornices with decoratively exposed rafter tips and heavily detailed front porch place it within the mainstream of this Arts and Crafts style - a significant house type for the neighborhood. Watson, a prominent Springfield attorney, moved to this house from 836 East Elm around the corner, which he had built in 1896-97.

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References: 1910 and 1933 Sanborn Insurance Maps  
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